

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am extremely concerned that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a very dangerous threat to our democratic election process. The fact that Sinclair owns television stations across the country and can use them for partisan political purposes shows why the consolidation of media outlets in fewer and fewer corporate hands should not be allowed to continue.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The FCC needs to enforce those laws and prohibit Sinclair from forcing local stations to air this election propaganda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to hold owners responsible for acting in the public interest and accountable when they do not. Sinclair's license should be pulled for this blatant attempt to influence the Presidential election in the guise of a "news story."

Thank you.

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